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ENGLAND FACES GRAVEST ISSUE IN ITS HISTORY SINCE STUARTS' DAYS

Lloyd George Declares Issue is not Ulster nor Home Rule but is a Battle for all that is Essential in the Civil Liberty of the Nation. Government Forced to Explain Movement of Troops into Ulster.

ARMY OFFICERS RESIGN BY DOZENS RATHER THAN TAKE UP ARMS AGAINST FELLOWS

Hurried Conferences Among Chiefs of War Office Show Dangerous Situation Among the Troops. Orders to Cavalry Regiment Recalled Because all Officers have Quit. Nationalist Parade Abandoned for Fear of Outbreak.

(By Leased Wire to Evening Herald.) London, March 21.—The outstanding feature of the news from Ireland today was the disaffection among the officers of the regular army under orders to proceed to Ulster with their regiments.

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Within twenty-four hours over 3,000 regular troops, including ten battalions of infantry with machine guns and two batteries of field artillery, all equipped for active service, have arrived in the various towns of Ulster. These troops form the advance guard of a largely armed force which the military authorities are sending to the northern province of Ireland to prevent the assumption of local government by anti-home rulers.

Immediately after Colonel Seelye, the secretary of state for war, had been in audience with King George at Buckingham palace this morning, Cabinet Stewarts summoned a meeting of the army council, which took the necessary steps to replace officers who had resigned.

According to reports, however, the number of vacancies is rapidly increasing and it seems possible that all the regular regiments which have been serving in Ulster may have to be withdrawn and replaced by fresh troops, as both men and officers have openly expressed their dissatisfaction to take the offensive against men with whom they have been fraternizing.

This momentary shifting of the immediate crisis from Ulster to the army may give the peacemakers their desired opening.

The return of Arthur J. Balfour, former Unionist premier, to London has given hope to the advocates of a compromise. He and Premier Asquith have served long years side by side in the political field and understand and appreciate one another.

Premier Asquith and Andrew Bonar Law, the official leader of the opposition in the house of commons whenever they have come into contact are given unanimous displays of partisanship. It was thought in many quarters today that if the government would consent to give the colonies of Ulster perpetual local autonomy on the question of home rule, instead of compelling them to come under the Dublin parliament at the end of six years, a way out of the present difficulty would be opened.

The Nationalists always have contended that the Ulster men would be glad to join the home rule scheme once it had been demonstrated that their fears of unfair treatment were unfounded.

King George himself is taking an active part in the negotiations. He is not confining his conferences to members of the cabinet but has been in communication with Arthur J. Balfour and gave an audience to Field Marshal Lord Roberts after he had seen the secretary of state for war.

Lord Roberts subsequently conferred at length with Colonel Seelye and the war office executive staff, which has been working at high pressure.

Liberalism will not clinch one yet before the arrogant and insolent plagues of Ulster, was the message conveyed today by David Lloyd-George, chancellor of the exchequer, to a mass meeting of Liberals at Huddersfield. The chancellor was talking about Ulster and the attitude of the Unionists. He said:

"The country is confronted with the gravest issue in the history of Democratic government since the days of the Stuarts. Representative government in this land is at stake. I am here on behalf of the government to say we mean to confront this defiance of popular liberties with resolute and unwavering determination whatever the hazard may be. We are not fighting about Ulster or about home rule. We are fighting for all that is essential to the civil liberty of this land."

An official communication issued this afternoon says:

"The recent movement of troops in Ulster are purely precautionary with the object of giving adequate protection to depots of arms and ammunition.

RUMORED BATTLESHIP CONNECTICUT BLOWN UP

A flash came to the Santa Fe railroad office and also through the Western Union office at 4 o'clock stating that the battleship Connecticut had been blown up in Mexican waters. There is no confirmation. The Santa Fe flash came from the general office in Los Angeles.

been announced to take place here on Sunday. They did this on the advice of John Redmond, who feared that it might lead to a conflict which he and the Nationalist leaders were anxious to avoid.

ALL REGULAR ARTILLERY READY FOR ACTION

Belfast, Ireland, March 21.—All the regular artillery stationed in central and southern Ireland has been instructed to hold itself in readiness to proceed to Ulster at a moment's notice. All horses have been cancelled and officers and men on furlough have been recalled.

It is reported that the infantry reservists have been ordered to hold themselves in readiness to join their regiments.

CHASE ORDERS THE ARREST OF MOTHER JONES ON SIGHT

Aged Strike Leader Still at Her Hotel in Denver Gives no Intimation as to Movements.

MORE GUARD COMPANIES ORDERED HOME TODAY

Seven Strikers Arrested for Brutal Murder of Neil Smith Near Suffield, March 8th.

By Leased Wire to Evening Herald.

Denver, March 21.—Adjutant General John Chase, who arrived today from the coal strike district, said that he had given orders of arrest of Mother Jones on sight if she returns to Trinidad. Mother Jones still was at her hotel in Denver. She said that the time for her departure for the strike zone had been fixed.

Two more companies of the Colorado national guard were sent home today. They are Companies D and E of the First Infantry, with headquarters at Greeley and Brush.

SEVEN MINERS ARRESTED FOR MURDER OF SMITH

Trinidad, Colo., March 21.—Information charging seven strikers of the forces and militia with the murder of Neil Smith, a non-union coal miner, whose dead and mutilated body was found on a railroad track near Suffield on March 8, have been filed in the district court. The men charged with the crime are Joseph Gill, Charles Hancock, John Lee, Charles Kelly, Joe Ramos, Frank Petek and William Watson. Upon application of Attorney F. W. Clark, local counsel for the United Mine Workers, this morning, bail was fixed for each defendant in the sum of \$10,000.

The seven men were held following the release early this week of sixteen other strikers arrested by the military authorities the day preceding the breaking up of the lower tent colony at Forbes.

WEST VIRGINIA MINERS STILL HOLD THEIR GROUND

Collins, W. Va., March 21.—Striking miners of the West Virginia and Pittsburgh Coal company, who have been in camp near the company's property since the strike was declared last September, held their ground today. It was reported that James Oates, their leader, who is on trial in the United States district court at Philippi for violating the injunction of Judge Dawson, had ordered them to leave their tents.

Joseph Bowers, who has command of the camp in Oates' absence, decided he would maintain the camp until he received orders from John P. White, president of the United Mine Workers of America, to move.

MINE WORKERS ADJOURN CONFERENCE TO TUESDAY

Chillicothe, March 21.—The joint conference of the United Mine Workers of America and the Illinois coal operators of Western Pennsylvania, Ohio, Indiana, and Illinois adjourned today until Tuesday, having so far accomplished nothing toward a new wage agreement to replace the present one, which expires April 1. The conference adjourned to enable the men to go home over Sunday. One thing that has been accomplished, apparently, as the situation stands, is to demonstrate that good feeling between the disputants has not been impaired that that agreement is possible without danger of a strike.

The court held that "Commodore Cornelius Vanderbilt and not the Southern Methodist church was the founder and original patron of the Vanderbilt university." The court held that the college of bishops' vote of the acceptance by the board of trust of Andrew Carnegie's million-dollar gift to the Vanderbilt medical department is valid.

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